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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Pay As You Go Pilot Program **Docket No. 2015-136-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not object to the filing submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") on December 10, 2018, in the above referenced Docket.

The Company seeks approval from the Commission to increase the participation limit of the Prepaid Advantage Pilot Program ("Pilot") from 4,000 customers to 6,000 customers and to extend the Pilot through May 31, 2019. The extension will allow the Company to continue to serve the Pilot's existing customers and will ensure the Company does not have to turn away interested customers during the extension period. DEC also seeks expedited consideration of this request as the Pilot is currently scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2018.

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ORS does not oppose the Company's request but reserves the right to review the Pilot and any cost recovery related to the Pilot in any future filings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

enny Pittmar

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